

STATE OF WASHINGTON DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL AND HEALTH SERVICES PO Box 45040 • Olympia WA • 98504-5040

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Dear Foster Parents and Relatives:

I am writing to invite you to participate in a meeting with Children's Administration to discuss plans to implement Performance Based Contracting consistent with the requirements passed by last year's Legislature in Second Substitute House Bill 2106. Many of you have asked for information about how the change to performance based contracting will impact you. We want to provide you with answers and to hear from you as we move forward in making this important change in our system.

We will be holding a series of meetings across the state. A list of the dates and locations of these meetings is enclosed. Some of these meetings have already occurred and were publicized locally. You are welcome to attend a meeting in any of the locations.

Thank you for your willingness to partner with the Children's Administration as we transform child welfare in this state. Your voice is important to us and your experience as foster parents and relatives caring for children provides a valuable perspective in improving the system.

For detailed information about performance-based contracting, the 2106 website can be accessed at: http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/partners/transformCW.asp.

Thank you for opening your hearts and homes to children who need caring adults.

Sincerely,

Denise Revels Robinson, MSW

Assistant Secretary

Children's Administration

Enclosure



PERFORMANCE BASED CONTRACTING MEETINGS WITH FOSTER PARENTS AND RELATIVES

The Children's Administration is holding meetings to discuss plans to implement performance based contracting as required by Second Substitute House Bill 2106 (SSHB 2106). Below are the dates, times and locations.

Date/Time	Region	Location
Meeting held June 9 th	4	Kent DCFS Kent, WA
Meeting held June 16 th	5	Silverdale Community Center Silverdale, WA
Meeting held June 22 nd	2	IRS Building Richland, WA
Meeting held June 24 th	1	Moses Lake Fire Station Moses Lake, WA
July 6 th @ 7:00 pm	5	Sizzler Restaurant 100 th and S. Tacoma Way Tacoma, WA
July 7 th @ 6:30 pm	6	Kelso DCFS 711 Vine Kelso, WA
July 9 th @ 6:00 pm	3	Emmanuel Baptist Church 1515 E College Way Mt. Vernon, WA
July 13 th @ 6:00 p.m.	3	Mill Creek Foursquare Church 1415 164 th St. SW Lynnwood, WA
July 20 th @ 6:30 p.m.	6	Tumwater DCFS 6860 Capitol Blvd Tumwater, WA
July 22 nd @ 6:30 p.m.	6	Vancouver DCFS 907 Harney Vancouver, WA
July 27 th @ Noon	1	Spokane DCFS 1313 N. Atlantic St, #2000 Spokane, WA

Updates will be announced locally and posted at http://www.dshs.wa.gov/ca/fosterparents. Please direct questions to Dinah Martin, Program Manager, at (360) 902-0740 or by email at Dinah.martin@dshs.wa.gov